

public address

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Candidates' Platforms

The Information and Public Relations Bureau is the official organ of the Students' Council of McGill University. As such, we must remain completely impartial and unopinionated. You, however, do not have this responsibility, and we hope that, after reading the respective candidates' platforms, you will have formed very definite views, and will make a point of voting.

Candidates for PRESIDENT

— *Taro Alepian*

— *Ken Cabatoff*

— *Max Ferro*

— *Jim McCoubrey*

— *Gerald Solomon*

TARO ALEPIAN

In this year of activism and politics we have been subjected to a rash of demonstrations, knife-throwing and political in-fighting. One of the main objectives of Taro Alepian, B.Eng. 4, is to initiate a responsible and unbiased students government — by the students, of the students, and, most important of all, for the students.

Participation in the affairs of Quebec and Canada will be encouraged, but will be kept moderate in nature to guarantee to every member of the Students' Society an atmosphere in which every opinion (intellectual, political and ideological) will have an equal opportunity to be voiced.

The largest challenge to McGill, and the most demanding external re-construction, will be the programme of individual affiliations with as many French-speaking universities as possible — on a more concrete basis. These will probably be restricted at the start to the clubs and societies level, but will eventually end in the mutual representation on Council from other universities (eg. University of Montreal) in a non-voting capacity.

To act in consideration to the thousands of students who voted in favour of UGEQ, Taro proposes the introduction of an active McGill UGEQ Chapter, **not** representing, McGillians as a whole but **only** the individual members. This in no way means that the **no** vote on the UGEQ referendum will be violated.

On the home front, Taro proposes a two-way plan to combat rising costs of education (and hence to make the accessibility of college a non-financial matter):

(1) To establish continuity in the struggle for a 'stabilization of fees', and

(2) To improve the existing lamentable conditions at the Placement Service, hence increasing the percentage of better jobs offered to McGillians (both on a summer and permanent basis).

To satisfy the urgent needs of certain groups on campus not presently covered by the activities

programmes or inadequately assisted, Taro promises

(1) To exploit the possibilities of a Post-graduate Student House on or around campus in the next ten months

(2) To fully investigate the possibilities of an International House.

Of importance will be a positive programme of activities designed to appreciably improve the existing Student-Executive and Student-Council contacts. These will include more frequent Open Meetings of the Students' Society, encouragement of Open Meetings to be held by every Council member in his or her constituency, printed and detailed information published periodically by the students' council (independent of the **Daily**, weekly reports by the president in the **Daily**, reporting on the activities of the past week and those to come in the following week, suggestion boxes placed in every faculty of the university with a committee established to consider these suggestions, and a general encouragement of individual contributions to student government.

Year by year McGill's public spirit and social position has been decreasing to the point where students come to university for studies only without involving themselves in any activities (ie. general students apathy). Taro therefore proposes a re-evaluation of the application of funds in an effort to make McGill the most public-spirited and social university in North America.

Taro Alepian does **NOT** believe in the following:

(1) Officially sponsored Students' Society demonstrations outside the limits of campus, unless in support of an humanitarian and non-political cause,

(2) Snobish behaviour by members of the Executive of the Students' Council,

(3) Student apathy,

(4) power cliques,

(5) suppression of opposition to Students' Council decisions, and

(6) mud-throwing tactics in student activities.

Taro is one of the many McGillians who has had to work his way through college, and as such is closer to the fight for a 'stabilization of fees' and increased summer employment opportunities for McGillians.

He has a distinguished academic record, holding a number of scholarships. He is a member of the executive of the Phi Epsilon Alpha Engineering Honours Society, has served on many committees, and has organizational ability to match his academic ability.

As a worker, Taro aims for perfection and cannot tolerate incompetence. He is trustworthy and has integrity (a great asset in present-day McGill).

Irrespective of the way you vote, Taro Alepian earnestly hopes that each and every McGillian will get out there on March 2nd and **VOTE**.

KEN CABATOFF

Those of us who liked McGill better this year want Ken Cabatoff to be our next President. Some of us have been here a long time, and this is the first year that we even knew student government existed.

So we're very suspicious about his competitors who want to take us back to the "good old days".

One of the new politicians says he'll put the student back in student government. It's true that this particular politician wasn't in student government before. Nor have most other students — not before this year.

This year everybody was in student government. There have been referenda and open meetings. For the first time hundreds of students came to watch the in-fighting at Council meetings.

We don't know who's kidding whom, but four of the five candidates say they want democracy and public discussion of issues. Then in the next breath they say Students' Council can't have policy. What we're going to discuss, once they've abolished the issues, they haven't made clear yet.

These politicians say they want Council to be administrative, and they dwell on last year's mistakes. They themselves did nothing wrong last year, having taken the precaution of doing nothing. Period.

Well — these guys don't tempt us — if you want administration, then look at Cabatoff's record. He was manager of Radio McGill in 1964-65 when it became Radio T.V. McGill, and initiated programs with the U. of M. When he was chairman of the C.U.S. Committee he built it up from one to 65 members.

This year, as our first External Affairs Vice-President, he did the quiet work behind the scenes that doesn't get the headlines. He set up nine committees to act as Council's Civil Service. Four McGill students get scholarships to other Canadian universities because of his efforts. He set up a student travel bureau. Next year, students will shop at clothing stores, department stores, drug stores, etc., all at a discount. This in itself is no mean feat.

He set up a committee which isn't afraid to challenge the professors and administrators on how they run the University. Are the University officials complaining? — not at all; they love it! At last

students are shaking off their apathy; they are becoming interested in — of all things — education! Students are now meeting regularly and informally, on a friendly basis, with University officials, who have nothing but praise for the ability and interest of the students.

McGill students this summer are going to work in depressed areas of Quebec, encouraging the inhabitants to do something about their situation. Are the officials in Quebec City mad about this rabble-rousing? Not at all — they're going to pay the students' salaries for it.

All these things are being done by only three committees. Our candidate set up nine in all. This very paper you are reading — a publication of the Information and Public Relations Bureau, to inform the students and bring them closer to student government — was made possible through his efforts.

And there are hundreds of students working in these committees who couldn't have cared less about the petty affairs of student government as it was a year ago. Put the student back in student government? He's there, man and if you're not, it's time you got with it. It's easy. You just wander up to Room 411 in the Union and say "Can I do anything to help?"

But we look to the future, not the past. There are even brighter days ahead. To provide all students with a voice in student government, whether or not they have time to work in the Civil Service Committees, our candidate is going to introduce a democracy that would put Athens to shame. A Legislative Assembly, no less, with 200 members elected in small constituencies, who will hold a Congress at the beginning of the year to make general policy for the entire year, and then be called again if Council wants to deal with a really major issue. This assembly would be second in authority only to a referendum.

How can we lose? — We will have an active, interesting campus, and policies that are really representative of the students. Also a student body that knows what its

Council is doing, and is proud of its student government.

The "other guys" say they want to restore prestige to McGill University. We want to give prestige to McGill too, but not **that kind of prestige**. We want the prestige of having the best courses and the best professors in the land, and the students who care the most about their university and the society they live in. And McGill does **not** have this reputation.

But vital professors are attracted to vital students, and students can help direct the University's attention to new courses that should be set up. The University Affairs Committee, also established by our candidate, is now doing exactly that — in fact, it is sponsoring two non-credit courses which professors teach free of charge — because they are interested in teaching interested students. Student government under Ken Cabatoff **can** make a difference to our education.

In Internal Affairs, many of our student activities are dull, uninteresting, and just plain inferior. They are too often filled with people interested in "important" positions rather than good, creative, activities.

Cabatoff, via the bulletin you are now reading, will in future scour the campus for the best, brightest and most creative people, whether or not they have done anything at McGill before. Full explanations of all activities and positions to be filled will be mailed to all organized groups on campus.

Our candidate wants the opportunity to prove that his administrative ability can promote better and more imaginative student activities, and turn the Union into an efficient plant to serve these activities. We feel he deserves the opportunity.

So if someone tells you he's going to put **his** students back in **your** student government — you tell him we're doing just fine, thank you — we'd rather build than destroy, and we want **all** the students in student government. And don't try to convince us, 'cause we know that actions speak louder than words.

MAX FERRO

Looking back on the year that was, we can find true satisfaction in the unprecedented degree of controversy that has swept our campus. Issue after issue has been fought and challenged, and the very roots of our traditional apathy have at last been shaken.

Whatever the result, however, little credit indeed accrues to our present Student Executive. For the first time, we have witnessed at McGill a series of persistent and deliberate attempts on the part of a highly partisan group to use the name and prestige of the entire Students' Society to their political ends. For the first time, our elected representatives have repeatedly neglected their duty towards the individual student, and have interpreted their mandate as complete authorization to commit this student body to political and moral decisions without prior consultation.

Opposition to this authoritarian and presumptuous rule has arisen not because of, but in spite of, Executive behaviour. Again and again, the methods used by our student leaders have succeeded only in alienating our support, and in bringing defeat upon their cause regardless of its merits. In a position where LEADERSHIP must be the outstanding qualification, our present leaders have been found sadly wanting in that very quality, and ours has been the loss.

Now that a new election is upon us, five candidates vie for next year's Presidency. One apologizes for his current record, and pledges to turn over a new leaf if entrusted with an even higher mandate. The other four, of which I am one, pledge and end to political pressure and coercion by Council, and an administration finally devoted to the unbiased service of the student. To those three who share my views and the majority of my platform I can only say this: **Where were they when our individual right of choice had to be protected, when the authority of the executive had to be challenged in the name of intellectual and ideological freedom, and when a small group of us led a majority of our fellow students in exercising our democratic right of dissent?** Now that

the battle has been fought all year, and won, many follow in the wake, and even pride themselves in their "clean hands" and brilliant record of non-involvement.

In this election, three other candidates have put before you the basic tenets of the principles I share, and one among them stands out as a student whom I deeply respect and whose capability is beyond question. **I urge you nevertheless to consider that a divided vote will only serve to reinstate the present administration.** I feel therefore, that the leadership I have shown in rallying just protest throughout this academic year will now merit an opportunity to prove my sincere desire to lead our Students' Society in an atmosphere of unbiased service.

THE FLINT-EYED HEROES

Of the Daily, I can only say That Mr. MacFadden's attitude to those who stand in his way is "less than kind". Although Mr. MacFadden explicitly refused to elaborate on the absurd charges he has laid against me, or to reveal his alleged sources, Council, faced with a threat of mass resignation of Daily staffers, wavered once again, and declared itself unqualified to rule in this "legal matter". And so, without need of a single shred of proof, I have been duly judged and executed. Recourse to those who are competent to judge still remains and will be taken, but the election is at hand, and the harm is done.

In my defence I will say this: if belief in the students' individual right not to be forced to embrace a collective ideology is to be on the "Far Right", then I stand corrected; but if you still cherish the opportunity to retain an open mind, and expect a Students' Society which is above partisan politics, I urge you all to support my candidacy. The

vehemence of the personal attacks made upon me proves but one thing: **that our present leaders are not slow to recognize effective opposition.**

A POSITIVE FUTURE

Apathy on campus must never again be left unchallenged, for the role of a university goes far beyond our lecture courses. Council, in its coordinating and administrative role, has a duty to organize challenging forums on matters of moral and political importance, and to stir controversy and interest among students. A referendum can be taken after due debate, and the DIVISION OF OPINION made known to both the government and public through the press would constitute constructive political action and involvement in society without infringing on the rights of the individual student. Activism too has a role in student life, but never under the official and direct auspices of the Students' Society as a whole. Those who wish to demonstrate must be given every opportunity to do so and to make their cause known, but never must they be allowed to speak for those who choose to differ.

THE NEW QUEBEC

Now that we have voted against political participation in UGEQ, we must make a positive and immediate effort to establish sweeping contact with French students in every area of mutual interest. Most of our clubs and societies have their counterparts at the U de M, and close individual friendships with French students would be immeasurably more valuable than vague political alliances in placing us in the mainstream of French thought. If we prize Canadian unity, we must retain our ties with CUS, and seek to be a useful link between our province and our nation. The enthusiasm with which members of the newly-founded Fine Arts Society accepted my proposal of bilingual

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JIM McCOUBREY

Jim McCoubrey stands firm in his decision that the students of McGill University want a strong, responsible government. His record testifies to his ability. He is a man of ideas and a man of action. When an idea is translated into action, when a decision is taken, he will stand by that decision as the will of the majority, will uphold it, defend it and implement it. He stands for effective and efficient internal administration:

1) For a re-organization of the committee system in the Students' Council so that committees will, in fact as well as theory, meet and table reports.

2) For a re-activation of the Student Discount Service, for explicit, regular bulletins from the student Information Service to the student, for the implementation of a half-fare, standby service for students on Canadian airlines, and for vastly more efficient administrative machinery in the University Centre.

3) For a firm policy of bi-partisan reporting in the McGill Daily. Campus events must receive full coverage. Campus issues must be openly and freely presented. Editorial freedom must remain unimpaired.

4) For a full program of student employment within the framework of the university.

5) For full support of the elected Vice-Presidents, whoever they may be, unless their actions are in conflict with the majority of student opinion.

6) For a re-organization of the Executive Committee. This group, when it met, acted as a cabinet, supplying to the Students' Council not suggestions for debate but opinions for ratification. Its cor-

rect function is that of a steering committee, and as such its voting membership must be restricted to elected student representatives.

Jim McCoubrey stands for re-statement of McGill's obligation in the community:

1) For a frank dialogue between English and French universities in the province of Quebec, and between universities in this province and in other parts of Canada.

2) For a program of cultural exchange in extra-curricular events. It must be made easier for groups and clubs concerned with music, theatre and the fine arts to join with French Canadian students in public presentation of activities.

3) For the establishment of a permanent Students' Society Press Office, which will act as liaison between McGill students and the communications media. It is essential that mistaken impressions not be publicly expressed as facts, and that the views and activities of students be accurately publicized.

Jim McCoubrey stands for responsible student government:

1) For a policy of weekly reports to the students in the Mc-

Gill Daily, written alternately by the President and each Vice-President, to help maintain a sense of personal contact and to keep students informed as to what their executive is doing.

2) For clear and decisive leadership. Student opinion on both sides of any issue must be brought together in a responsible solution reflecting the will of the majority. In the event of highly contentious issues, immediate open meetings will be called and if necessary referenda will be held.

3) For swift action in crises. When the government grant to McGill was announced, Jim McCoubrey, as President, would have ascertained the facts of the issue from the administration and would have called an immediate meeting of the Students' Council to make its position known, instead of allowing a week to elapse before the matter was discussed. In all such crises, action must be immediate.

At a time when the prestige of McGill University has suffered from the conduct of its student representatives, the need for new, responsible leadership is of paramount importance. Jim McCoubrey can give to the Presidency the ability and the strength of character which the position demands. He asks your vote on March 2nd.

GERALD S. SOLOMON

Does the Students' Society have the right to make political decisions? This is the question which will be facing McGill students when they vote on Wednesday. There has been a great deal of debate on this major issue. Those who answer "yes" say that as students we must take a stand on political questions. It is indeed true that we must not become apathetic to politics. But is the Students' Society the proper organ for us to express our opinions? I maintain that it is not.

Those who say that the Students' Society should take a stand are neglecting one very important question. What happens to the minority? Does the fact that the majority expresses a particular view means that nobody else has the right to be heard? These people who are in favour of "taking a stand" even have an answer to this. They say that this is democracy. Majority rules — and incidentally tough luck for anyone who disagrees. I'm certainly in favour of democracy. But this is not my view of democracy. My concept is that if possible every opinion must be heard. By presenting only one side of any question, this year's Council has tried to "stamp out" all but their own opinion.

Even the suggestion that Council should present "both sides" of every question would not work since there are often more than two points of view. The only way for all views to be expressed is for campus political clubs to be given complete jurisdiction over all political activities. This way all students would have an opportunity to air their views. Not only that, but any student who wished to dissociate himself from a particular issue or to "change sides" could do so simply by resigning from the club in question. This is the important difference. This system would allow not only complete free-

dom of choice and expression but it would also make participation strictly voluntary. No student would be forced to be associated with an idea in which he did not believe.

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The Students' Council should be made up in such a way that it is representative of the entire student body. The only way to accomplish this is to increase the number of representatives and to make representation more proportional.

Another step toward more representative student government would be the creation of an "ombudsman". He would be in charge of investigating and acting on any complaints or in any case where a student felt that an injustice had been done to him. This post has already been created at the new Fraser University in British Columbia. Closer to home, Sir George Williams University has approved plans to appoint one.

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One of the responsibilities of the Council is the administration of the Union and its cafeteria. In recent weeks we have all become aware of the controversy over the running of the cafeteria. Every time an employee is fired we see another flare-up of the "great de-

bate". I maintain that the cafeteria catering service is an employee of the Students' Council. If Council is not satisfied with the way the cafeteria is being run they are free to fire the caterer. But Council has no right to tell Mr. Burns how to run his business. It's a "real shame" but people getting fired is one of the facts of life. No matter what Council does they are not going to change this.

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The Course Evaluation Committee is new this year at McGill. So far, third and fourth year courses have been surveyed. For next year I would advocate the expansion of this very worthwhile project to all years and all faculties.

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The students of McGill are not children. As adults they should not be subject to childish rules. Why is card playing prohibited in the Union? Aside from the fact that this rule is absolutely senseless, it is not even enforced. Why bother to even have such a rule? It is my opinion that this and other childish rules should be abolished.

On March 2nd. Vote for Gerald S. Solomon.

Be Wise

Vote

Solomon

Candidates for Vice - President INTERNAL AFFAIRS

— *Ian McLean*

— *Bernard Moscovitz*

— *Albert Rabinovitch*

IAN McLEAN

Each student at McGill invests \$25.00 per annum in the Student Society. This investment is not a voluntary one, but rather it is added to the tuition fees which we pay each year. Thus the Students' Society has an obligation to every student on campus to provide services equal in value to the \$25.00 which each student has contributed. If these students services are not provided, then the Students' Society has not fulfilled the obligation to its members.

Most of us would agree that the emphasis this year has been on matters extended to the university. Student government has, at McGill, expanded externally and decayed internally. The student services, for which we paid \$25.00, needs not only re-organization, but revitalization. It is the job of the Internal Vice-President to make sure that existing services are run efficiently, and it is also his responsibility to recommend the institution of new programmes whenever they are needed.

There are a whole range of student services which members of the Students' Society should demand. Foremost is an examination of the possibilities of establishing a "Co-Op" similar to that at Yale University. This co-operative store would be owned and run by students, selling goods at wholesale prices. The merchandise would be sold. At Yale, this operation has not only been popular with the students, but has provided a source of revenue for the Student Government. I feel that this is an **essential service** needed by the Students' Society and the possibilities of a "Co-Op" should be closely examined.

Another service which would be of great benefit to every student would be a Library of Student Publications. The Internal Vice-President should allocate a specific area which could be used for this purpose. On file in the Student Publications Library would be everything written by students, from "Roots" to "Resistance". In addition to publications by McGill students, the library would have current issues of all campus newspapers across Canada, as well as yearbooks and bulletins put out by various colleges. The idea of a student publications library is not new. There was talk two years ago of establishing such a library in the old Union. This, like many other constructive plans, became pigeonholed when the emphasis on student government began to swing away from internal matters.

Also neglected in the sorry state of the Union has been the cafeteria services. Not having a business mind, I find it hard to believe that the cafeteria manages to serve between 4,000 to 5,000 meals a day and yet cannot make a profit. A committee should be set up to look into the entire structure of the cafeteria, and, if necessary, negotiate a contract with another catering company which would provide a more efficient operation. The cafeteria represents one of the most important student services, and probably the one service which all students make use of. It is important, therefore, that an overhaul of cafeteria services be carried out.

Turning our attention in another direction, perhaps the time has come to examine the soft underbelly of that sacred cow, the bookstore. Unfortunately when the university centre was built, little forethought was applied to the floor area needed to serve as a bookstore for 12,000 students. Consequently, we have a ridiculously overcrowded situation. I propose the immediate appointment of a group to study the problems of the bookstore, and try to aid in any way possible the re-organization of the existing operation. The bookstore, although subject to the jurisdiction of the administration, is essentially a student service. It should be the duty of the Vice-President to insure that all possible co-operation and help be extended.

The Internal Vice-President perhaps has the greatest responsibility to the Students' Society as a whole. His responsibility lies in assuring that each individual student obtains the maximum of student services. For this reason he should limit himself to his own sphere of policy-making — namely, those policies which will effect the internal operations of the University Centre. Internal policy decisions are largely initiated by the executive committee of the University Centre. On this committee is seated the President, the Secretary, the Internal Vice-President, the Building

Manager and the Chairman of the new Union Committee. This legislative body formulates University Centre policy, and the Internal Vice-President must be the strong voice on the committee. Policies handed down by the executive committee are implemented by the Board of Directors, which consists of the Chairman, Director of Services, Director of House Operations, Social Director, Publicity Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Internal Vice-President. Thus the Internal Vice-President must help oversee both policy formulation and implementation. In addition, he has a whole sphere of responsibilities which are separate from the physical maintenance of an efficient University Centre. He should constantly be in touch with all presidents of clubs and societies. There existed this year a committee under Internal Affairs called the "Regular Committee". On this committee sat all the presidents of the various undergraduate societies. As President of ASUS I felt that this was perhaps the best opportunity that had ever presented itself for discussion on the undergraduate society level. Unfortunately the "Regular Committee" in no way lived up to its title, and was only called to meet once, by the Internal Affairs.

There is no doubt in my mind that this committee must be re-established as soon as possible. Problems faced on the undergraduate level and those faced on the SC level are usually of a different nature. If no channels exist for exchange of ideas between undergraduate societies, then a whole range of problems, such as Duplications of Programmes, may arise. We cannot afford to neglect the re-establishment of this committee.

Thus I would like to summarize my platform. The Internal Affairs

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BERNARD MOSCOVITZ

This year the work of the External Affairs department almost completely overshadowed the Internal. The work of the Internal Affairs department was negligible and this I think was a sad state of affairs. This was the year when finally we'd obtained a long-awaited University Centre. It needed and still needs a great deal of attention, and it hasn't had it. If we say we are to have both Internal and External Vice-Presidents then we must realize that there should be a fair balance of activity. I fail to see how any large group of students can represent itself to outside interests before it realizes what its own characteristics are.

The concerns of the Internal Vice-President should be many. He must be more of a liaison between the council on which he sits and the clubs and organizations which operate under SEC budgets. His concern should be greater for the organization than for the problems of council that do not relate to Internal Affairs. If any McGill club feels that it is not getting a good deal from Council in terms specifically of budget, then I think it should be the duty of the Internal Vice President to represent the case to the Council.

McGill Winter Carnival was for the first time this year under the SEC rather than the Athletics Department. Now that it is under the jurisdiction the Students Society I think that the suggestions of how Carnival can be improved can be implemented. One of these suggestions is that we run a joint Carnival with the U. de M. some events on our campus, some events on theirs, and this still allows for a day up north; perhaps at a larger ski area. The advantages of this are evident. It is one way of getting together. People at McGill are getting tired of the same format year after year.

Publicity for various events is very necessary. I believe it is the duty of the Internal Vice-President to see that the **Daily** cooperates with campus organizations to give them the support they need.

The concern for clubs and societies is important. Equally important is the concern for Athletics and Intercollegiate teams. I think a "Pep" Committee is a necessity at McGill. It's sad when

Toronto comes here to play football and brings with their team 2,000 supporters while we manage to put only 300 McGillians in our own stadium. Where are the days when 4,000 McGill students would go down to Windsor station to meet and "welcome" Queens or Western or U of T. We had this feeling here once — we can have it again. Re-activation of a hard working Red and White Committee can provide the support needed by our teams. It can also assure more interest in Carnival and the Red and White Revue.

The University Centre itself is a big problem and needs a great amount of attention. It's new, it's large, it's crowded, and it's in bad physical shape. I realize that we cannot police students in their own building. What we can do though is instill some pride in the users of this building. There is no need to have rugs barely five months old covered with burns from snuffed out cigarettes, especially when there are plenty of ashtrays around. There is no need for so much furniture to have been broken over so short a time. Students must remember that although operating costs in the union are an SEC concern, the building is owned completely by McGill University. If enough damage is done to their property what recourse would they have other than taking over the building and putting us under the wise control of some "Dean of Students". With this goes along all University regulations such as out of the building by midnight, etc. This is something I do not want to see happen. But, we don't prove ourselves capable of running a building by wrecking it. We, at McGill are fortunate enough to have been given the power to run and control our activities without

supervision from or interference by the University administration. Unless we can show ourselves to be capable of running our own affairs, we have no right to ask for these privileges to be extended year after year. At this very moment, we are in the middle of a struggle with the Province of Quebec. We are asking for more money from the Provincial government. It does not enhance McGill's chances to admit that certain campus organizations are losing money. But this is indeed the case; and surely it is a situation that can be rectified by an interested and concerned Internal Vice-President. I do not feel that during the past year a maximum of interest has been devoted to campus activities. To go even further, I would have to say that in a year that has seen us finally move into a new University Centre, the Internal Vice-President has been somewhat lax in promoting and sustaining a healthy atmosphere of active participation in campus organizations. Now, since both a solid knowledge and understanding of internal organizations is a necessary pre-requisite for an Internal Vice-President, I feel that we cannot afford to run the risk of electing someone who does not have these qualifications. It is not sufficient to have worked for the ASUS or any other Undergraduate Society. What we need is someone who has acquired a good working knowledge of campus organizations through experience; someone who has proven himself to be both capable and responsible; someone who has the interest of efficient Internal organization at heart. On these bases, I sincerely hope that all students will take a little time to consider the various merits of the candidates before casting their votes.

ALBERT RABINOVITCH

Several people have asked me what stand is on such matters as McGill's membership in UGEQ, whether or not I support American policy in Viet Nam, and other such similar matters. I wish to make it quite clear that the position I am running for is that of Vice-President, INTERNAL Affairs. I will not run on a platform pertaining to areas that fall in the province of External Affairs; to devote my energies to these areas would result in failure to carry out Internal duties. My responsibility is that of ensuring an effective programme of activities on campus, and maintaining efficient management of the new University Centre. As such, my time will be concentrated on fulfillment of tasks in these latter areas. I do have plans, but it must be pointed out that the ultimate success or failure on on-campus ventures rests with the student body at large. I am merely in the position of serving your best interests, and it would be futile for me to make plans now that would not serve these ends.

Much can be done to convert McGill from a "9 am to 5 pm, 3 lectures and a lab" campus to one in which all students are active in some extra-curricular activity or another. Ideas and imagination need channels, and it is my intention to ensure that these channels exist, so that every student can contribute his or her ideas and labours.

One of the concrete plans allied to this philosophy is the creation of Councils to represent clubs of similar interest. As pointed out in my platform published in the McGill Daily, there would tentatively be a Science Council, a Recreational Council, and one for Publications and Communications. No doubt some of the general inactivity that exists stems from the fact that many organizations are too small, both in terms of staff and finances, to put on large events and entertain major personalities. To pass things off by such bland statements as "But we don't get enough publicity in the Daily" is no solution. I believe that the Councils would bring groups together, moving in one direction rather than each club drifting along, unable to do very much on its own. Mutual assistance and advice will do much to

enlarge and enliven events. The joint sponsorship of activities has only recently started at McGill, and I intend to ensure the fullest possible exploitation of this avenue. My contention is that much potential exists, and it will be my function to turn this potential into action.

The emphasis this past year at McGill has been on External Affairs, both at the Students' Council level, and at the level of the McGill population. I have no quarrel with this; for the first time in my own experience students have roused themselves from their books and spoken up. This healthy response should now be directed into on-campus affairs as well as off-campus matters.

I fully appreciate the difficulties in setting up such Councils, but I think that the idea is certainly a feasible one, and well worth the effort.

It goes almost without saying that the University Centre must be run efficiently, and it must sponsor programmes for the students. Despite some small complaints concerning design, allocation of space, and so on, by the occupants of offices in the Uni-

versity Centre, we are by and large in a much better position than in the Old Union. Having spent much time in both the Old and New Unions, I am well aware of the types of problems that arise, and sincerely feel that I would be able to cope with them. Surely by now we can streamline all the unnecessary red tape and officialdom that presently exists so that valid requests from societies in the University Centre can be fulfilled with a minimum of delay.

There are no doubt many operations in the University Centre that need improvement; as a particular example we have the Poster Press in the sub-basement which is badly in need of new equipment to meet with increasing demands. Other areas such as the Bookstore and Cafeteria could use some looking into; — I would not at this time attempt to make any broad statement of policy concerning these subjects. Committees must be set up to study their operations, and only then make recommendations to the Students' Council.

I therefore ask for your support in the elections on Wednesday, and welcome all comments and suggestions.

Candidates for Vice - President EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

— *Arnold Aberman*

— *Stephen Schecter*

ARNOLD ABERMAN

The Vice-President (External Affairs) is responsible constitutionally for relations with other student communities, the government and the general public. This year, the External Affairs Department has been concerned with partisan politics and not with its legitimate function. It has concerned itself with programs that had little backing of the student body. We have expressed our dissatisfaction at these policies in referenda, the UGEQ issue, in Open Meetings, the Viet-Nam issue, and by lack of support for Council-sponsored and External Affairs-advocated activities, the La Grenade Shoe Strike demonstration — where no more than sixty students, i.e., ½% of the student body turned out to picket and shout "Mr. Grenade to firing squad".

Now is the time for the student body to ensure that what happened this year will not be repeated. The student body must ensure that the External Affairs Office will not remain an instrument in the hands of a radical few. We must ensure that students of all political views will be welcome in the External Affairs programme. And this can only be done if a Vice-President is elected who is capable of divorcing his own political views from the conduct of his office. The task of the Vice-President (External Affairs) is to set up the framework in which politically-interested student can meet and carry out their programme — not to dictate political stands to the student.

It must be made clear that politics are the proper concern of the student. I have political views; all students should have — but the crucial point is that each student must be allowed to express his views as he sees fit. Therefore, the main points in my programme are as follows:

1. to set up a system of co-operation with regional universities at the clubs and societies level. The question of UGEQ membership has been decided for now by the student body. We decided, quite wisely, to stay out of UGEQ until its functions, aims, and programmes are clarified. However, this does not mean that we should cut off all contacts with our French-speaking colleagues. On the contrary,

now is the time to bring the students closer together by contact at the clubs and societies level, where individuals with common interests can work together. Law, Medical, Science and Engineering students have done this already. UGEQ did not even provide this contact. It just provided for a handful of so-called student leaders to get together, and neglected co-operation on a more realistic level.

2. It seems that free education is unfeasible now for economic reasons, judging from statements of the Quebec government. However, I believe that the possibility of establishing a Students' Society loan plan is within the realm of present-day reality. The Students' Society should look into granting bank loans to students who need funds in order to complete their education. Such a plan needs careful work, but I am confident that it can be initiated on a modest scale in September 1966 for upper year students for a beginning. With time, this can expand, to include more students.

3. Expo '67 will be opened in the Spring of 1967. This presents McGill University and the Students' Society with a unique opportunity of showing itself to visitors from all countries. I propose that, in conjunction with the University, an exhibit

from all faculties and schools be set up in a University building, and be open to the public during Expo '67.

4. The image of the university student has declined in the past year — not entirely without reason. In a practical sense, since the public pays for our education through taxes, it is important for the public to have a good image of us. We must take action to improve the image.

The above programme is, I maintain, the proper function of External Affairs. There is a lot of work to be done without involving politics.

You, the electorate, are presented with a choice. My opponent has never tried to hide his association with the policies of the External Affairs Department. This year, he was co-ordinator of the La Grenade Shoe strike demonstration. He was the most outspoken of UGEQ supporters. He presented the motion at 3:30 in the morning at the Students' Council meeting of February 2nd., 1966, for McGill to officially endorse the anti-American demonstration at the American Embassy.

The question is this. If you want a non-political External Affairs programme with the emphasis on positive programmes for all the student body, and not for a radical few, I solicit your vote.

STEPHEN SCHECTER

Our world is turning young again for we are turning dynamic. Change comes painfully, and change at McGill came with the creative pangs of birth. A new dimension of life, a new dimension of education exploded on campus this year. It was in many ways a wonderful year, a myriad of passion and fury, a tremendous initial adventure in democracy, of which I am proud to have taken some initiative and in whose prospects I exult.

I contend that what we need to concern ourselves with is not the right of Students' Council to make political decisions but which decisions to make. We have been making political decisions for the past fifty years. It is the essence of a democratic society that representative groups form to exert pressure on the government to get their views adopted. Do we, students, not also have the right, indeed the responsibility to do so? Granted all the disadvantages of a representative, democratically-elected Council, it is still the best system yet devised. Adoption of a particular policy does not mean acceptance by every member of the organization, but only of a sufficient majority. This is the way the western democracies work: majority rules with minority rights. No one at McGill has the right to force someone at gunpoint to go out and march for some policy of the Students' Council. At the same time this minority should not prevent the majority of the students from reaching decisions.

There is, however, an even more important reason why the Students' Council should take political stands. Quebec is undergoing rapid change. As future leaders of this province, it is important today that we ensure that Quebec will develop so as to guarantee that all of the people, regardless of ethnic origin, will control their own economy. The future of Quebec is not the only issue at stake. In a very direct way so is the future of our world. How long do we wait while this "responsible" elder generation of current political leaders continues to allow old myths and used clichés to guide the policies and shape the thinking of our societies? How long do we wait until the issue is important enough to speak out? I claim that our generation has declared that the time has come.

It is clear that we must adopt responsible policies. It is equally clear that to give our stands any

weight we must give them the support of our responsible representative group, which for students means their students' society. We recognized this when we changed our constitution to empower Council not only to co-ordinate services but also to represent the students. We recognized this when we created the post of external vice-president. It is quite clear that an external vice-president who is not prepared to make political decisions will have nothing to represent the students about, not to the government, not to the public, and not to the administration. To say that he will remove partisan politics from external affairs is to say nothing. The essence of democratic decision-making is the choice offered by competing groups and ideologies.

As external vice-president I will commit the campus to political stands. However, the most important point in adopting political stands is that it has the backing of a majority of students. In a way not very much is achieved if the Students' Council joins UGEQ and the campus does not understand why. It is the same with the American position in Viet Nam, the Jews in Russia, the Tibetans in China. As such I would organize many open meetings, teach-ins, or similar gatherings to discuss these political issues. In a way people were not debating the issues themselves this year. These teach-ins will be an attempt to have students themselves get up and debate the issues. I do not think that very much is being done. In a way what is needed is a revolution in our thinking, a revolution in our education. It is in the classroom itself where participatory democracy is so sadly needed. It is in these teach-ins that we can begin to implement it. It is to the faculties next year that I will try to extend it.

I believe that people learn when they do things themselves. This philosophy applies to residences as well as to any other institution. If

acceptable to residences, I will implement a program with their representative councils to see whether the students who live in residence can assume control over the decisions made affecting their lives. After all, this is the essence of democracy, valued above all because it affirms the integrity and responsibility of every individual.

I support free education because no one in our society should be barred from a higher education for a lack of financial resources, a freedom which only free education can provide. As to the current situation regarding grants, it would seem that the distribution of funds was unfair, to say the least. I do not deny the need of French-Canadians to develop their universities. However, I do not regard the final aim of social progress for Quebec as a simple redrawing of the ethnic positions. Canada has been dominated by ethnic social stratification for too long. We at McGill must realize this too. Our aim must not be to preserve a dominant minority position, just as the aim of our French-Canadian confrères must not be to form a French-Canadian elite. There are people at McGill who realized this. Our friends in UGEQ realized this as well. It is sad and unfortunate that we are not in UGEQ. It is equally sad and unfortunate that our friends in UGEQ have lost control to a small, reactionary group. What is essential is that these two positions do not solidify, that those at McGill and those in UGEQ who are ready to stick to the ideals of UGEQ, of social progress and free education for everyone in Quebec regardless of ethnic origin — that these people eventually emerge and unite. As to the current situation on grants some action must be taken. It will of course depend on the outcome of the government's com-

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membership gives me some cause for optimism, and many similar arrangements can and will be made. As a student who is not only bilingual, but fully integrated in French as well as English society, I feel particularly competent to lead the needed rapprochement.

EXPO '67

The great opportunity we now have must not be lost, and McGill must proceed with immediate plans for Expo '67 and the Canadian Centennial. I will propose that student guides be employed to welcome summer visitors to our campus, and that effective displays be organized both to enhance our internal reputation, and to develop the theme of Anglo-French unity for all Canadian visitors. I feel confident that the expense will be well justified.

LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE

As past Second Year President, Representative to the Architectural Curriculum Committee, Engineering Representative to the Educational Committee (first general course survey), AUS Debating Chairman, U.N.T.D. officer, Daily photographer (believe it or not!), Vice-President of the Flying and Navigation Club, Vice-President of the Fine Arts Society, and chief spokesman for the con-

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mittee and also upon the advice of the McGill administration. Action of some kind must be taken, however, and I am prepared to take it. It only remains to see which action will be the most imaginative and effective to pursue.

Above all, I offer you a program of imagination and creativity in both political action and education. We have begun to expand our horizons, we have begun to express our views and I believe we will continue to do so. Change is indeed painful, but basically very healthy and dynamic.

troversial CFARATUAM, I hope that I have given sufficient indication of leadership ability. If elected I pledge to be an energetic and responsive President,

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Department of the Students' Society has an obligation to every member of the Society to provide the best possible student services.

I recommend an investigation into the possibilities of establishing a Student Co-Op, a Library of Student Publications, and I feel that we must try and exert some pressure to improve the operation of the bookstore. The cafeteria services must be thoroughly examined, and if necessary, a new contract should be negotiated. A greater leeway must be given to the Union Board so policy can be implemented more efficiently.

to devote my every effort to the service of the student body, and to promote an atmosphere of unparalleled and healthy intellectual challenge.

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